



If you are planning to travel out of the country, you need to obtain a passport, and some countries require a visa in addition to a passport. To obtain a passport or visa, please review the following information.

If you have additional questions not answered here or have an emergency passport request, please contact the Congressman's Lincoln office for immediate assistance at (402) 438-1598 or 1-866-725-5255.

Passport and Visa Links On-line:

- [U.S. State Department](#)
- [Passport Applications and Instructions](#)
- [First Gov](#)
- [US State Department Passport Card Web Page](#)
- [US Customs and Border Patrol](#)
- [The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative](#)

Frequently Asked Questions About Passports and Visas:

How do I get a passport?

- Passports are obtained through the [Passport Services Division of the Department of State](#). Through your local passport acceptance agent, usually a Post Office, you can apply for a new passport, renew your old one, or do any number of things, including replacing a lost, stolen, or damaged passport, or adding new pages to your existing book. You can search for application locations near you and print out passport forms at

the website.

How long will it take to get my passport?

- Passport applications are currently averaging between 4-6 weeks to process. For an additional fee of \$60, an application can be expedited and the passport received in about 2-3 weeks.

Do I need a travel visa in addition to my passport?

- Some countries also require U.S. citizens to have a visa in order to enter. Check here with the State Department to [determine whether or not you'll need a visa for travel or as a student](#). A visa is permission from a country to cross their borders and comes in the form of a stamp in your U.S. passport.

Where can I find government information for overseas travel?

- Check the State Department website for [travel warnings](#) and consular information sheets that provide very helpful information about the country you plan on visiting. This is especially helpful during the current War on Terrorism. The [U.S. State Department](#) website also contains very comprehensive information on all the services it provides both stateside and abroad. This includes [crisis assistance](#) for U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad, and various travel publications available on-line.

How can I contact American Embassies and Consulates?

- Many U.S. Diplomatic Missions abroad have information on-line. For those that don't,

check the [State Department's Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts](#) for addresses, and phone and fax numbers for U.S. Embassies and Consulates throughout the world.

What are the new passport requirements for travel in the Western Hemisphere?

- U.S. citizens and citizens of Canada, Mexico and Bermuda traveling by air between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda are required to present a valid passport or other WHTI-compliant documentation to enter (or depart) the U.S. [Click here for more information](#) .

What do I do if I applied for a passport, have not received it, and am traveling within seven days?

- Our office may be able to help you. Please call (402) 438-1598.